

APSP Journal of Case Reports: Looking Backward - Looking Forward

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We are now in the 4th year of regular publication of APSP Journal of Case Reports (AJCR). Tracing our short journey we feel proud that many milestones have been attained that were entrusted upon editorial board by The Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Pakistan (APSP) in year 2010. The team worked untiringly and also tried to be innovative. It used latest technologies available with limited resources both in terms of human resource and hardware. Considering the uniqueness of our specialty and importance of cases, it was kept up-front to encourage researchers to contribute new knowledge to the world. Case report format thus suited well to our goals. The first issue was available online on 14th August 2010[1]. Two issues were published in the first year, followed by three issues in the subsequent volumes. At present AJCR has published 11 issues. The AJCR was indexed with PubMed and PubMed Central in September 2012.

Reviewing the submission trends to the AJCR, we retrieved the record of all the manuscripts published till date and analysed the data with Epiinfo version 7. The results are shown in figures (Fig. 1,2) and tables (Table 1,2).

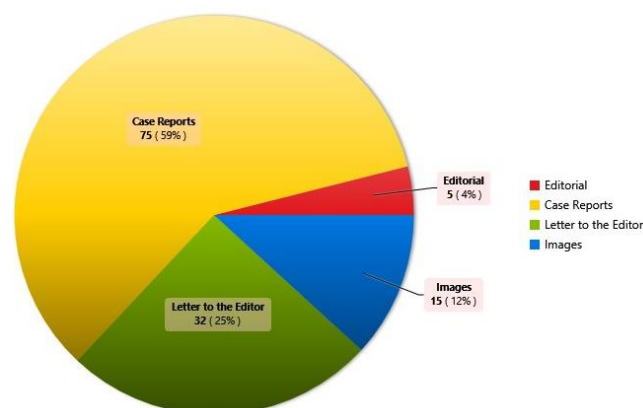


Figure 1: Types of manuscripts published

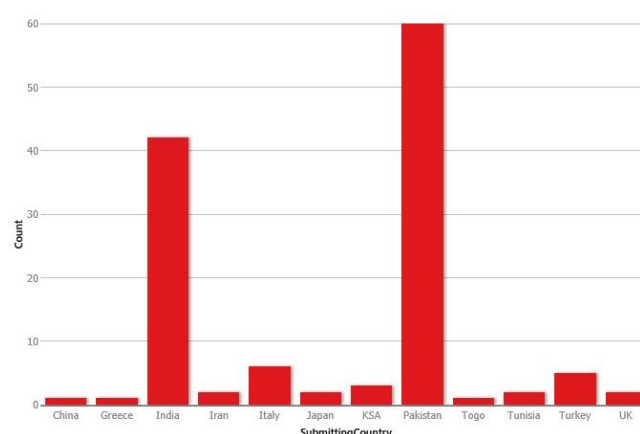


Figure 2: Submission trend with respect to country of origin.

Author's Specialty	Frequency	Percent
Pediatric Surgery	71	55.91 %
Pediatric Surgery and other specialty	30	23.62 %
Others	26	20.47 %
TOTAL	127	100.00 %

Table 1: Contribution from allied disciplines of Paediatric surgery

Author's Institute	Frequency	Percent
The Children's Hospital and the Institute of Child Health Lahore	32	53.33 %
National Institute of Child Health Karachi	18	30.00 %
Mayo Hospital Lahore	3	5.00 %
Sheikh Zayed Medical College Rahim Yar Khan	2	3.33 %
Services Institute of Medical Sciences Lahore	2	3.33 %
Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre Karachi	1	1.67 %
Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad	1	1.67 %
Shaikh Zayed Hospital Lahore	1	1.67 %
TOTAL	60	100.00 %

Table 2: Contributions from Pakistan

The analysis depicted that the majority of the manuscripts were in the category of case reports. AJCR received submissions from various pediatric surgery and non-pediatric surgery units of Pakistan and various other countries. Major contribution to AJCR was from Sub-continent; however, only few pediatric surgery units of Pakistan made the contribution. Indexing with world renowned database like PubMed and PubMed Central [2] resulted in wide visibility of AJCR and a rise in submissions from many countries including from Europe is now apparent. Various articles of

AJCR are being cited in the literature. We expect to have an official Impact Factor in the coming years. We hope to take AJCR to new heights in collaboration with our contributors.

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